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WALLACE W. BATES

Wallace W. Bates was born and raised and received his early education in Park City, Utah. He early acquired a love of sports and during his high school years he was active in all the school sports. For his outstanding performance in football he was named on "all-state" teams for two years. Also his participation in music and drama brought him numerous honors. He later attended Butler University in Indiana for two years.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Wally volunteered in the U. S. Navy and after five and a half years of wartime service he was honorably discharged as a warrant officer in communications.

For ten years Wally made his home in Heber City where he met and married Elda Zufelt. Of their three childres, two are graduates of the University of Utah. Wally claims direct descent from Joseph Smith through his mother.

As a charter member of the Utah Ski Association, he served several years on its board of directors. When the Association formed the Ski Jumping Club of Utah, he got into ski jumping and won numerous medals.

All his adult life Wally has been active in civic organizations such as the Jaycees, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and others. He enjoys organizing and working with people.

Wally helped organize the Utah Square Dance Association and as a charter member he served four years on the board of directors. He was a professional square dance caller for many years, serving as many as six square dance cluss and often working six nights a week. For a year he taught various forms of ballroom dancing as well as square dancing at the University of Utah Extension Division.

In church service, Wally has held offices at all priesthood levels from Deacon to High Priests Group Leader. He served a stake mission for three years and at present he and Elda are ordinance workers in the Salt Lake Temple.

He has greatly enjoyed his seven years in the Sons of Utah Pioneers and has served in the East Mill Creek Chapter as director, trek chairman, vice-president, president-elect, president, and past president. He is currently the National Vice-President for the southeast area of Salt Lake City which includes the East Mill Creek, Holladay, Mt. Olympus, Sugar House, and Beehive Chapters. He bought the first \$25 ticket for the first fund-raising dinner at Distinctive Catering for the proposed new headquarters building. He earned membership in the Thousand Dollar Club in the pioneer name memorialization project of the S.U.P. After the building was erected and work was begun on finishing the lower floor, he donated two pumps valued at approximately a thousand dollars.

Wally was one of the spark plugs in getting a chapter organized in Heber City. His acquaintance with the townspeople was most helpful in finding interested men who were willing to serve in the leadership of the fledgling chapter.

Last year he was chairman of the highly successfum 1984 National Encampment held at Heber City, drawing his committee from both the East Mill Creek Chapter and the newly formed chapter in Heber City.

After twenth-seven years in the pump business with the Nickerson Company, he will be retiring this year from the position of shop superintendent which he has held for the last fifteen years.

Wally has said that he is pleased to be a candidate for the office of President-Elect of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and will welcome the honor of so serving if elected. He will be ready to devote the necessary time to the position and

pledges to do his utmost to further the great cause of the S.J.P. In his own words, he will honor the office and try his best to promote added strength and continued growth in the organization.

He will be grateful for your vote in the election on Saturday, August 31st, at the National Encampment in Cedar City.

We endorse this energetic and enthusiastic man and commend him to you for your consideration and support.

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Joseph H. Fisher, Pres. East Mill Creek Chapter, S.J.P.

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